

Fogland Beach Oversight Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2014

Members present: T. Ramotowski (Chairman; Conservation Commission), C. Lima (Neighborhood Representative); M. Wojcik (Town Administrator); S. Berlucci (Director of Public Works); and M. Van Hof (Open Space Commission).

Members absent: C. Roemlein (Recreation Commission); and C. Clarendon (Harbor Commission);

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ramotowski at 5:12 PM.

I. Public Delegations: There were no public delegations.

II. Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes for approval.

III. Observations from Inspection Tour:

Damage to the chain-link fence enclosing the playground was noted. This damage appears to have been caused by a vehicle trying to drive between the playground and the beach dune immediately to its east.

The dirt road leading to the windsurfer beach is still difficult for “normal” vehicles to negotiate due to the large amount of sand and cobbles deposited by recent storms at the point where it turns east and parallels the beach. In addition, the boulder boundary at the eastern end of the windsurfer beach can be driven around at low tide (several of the boulders closest to the water have sunk into the sand and do not pose much of a barrier to vehicles).

Plantings are needed to stabilize the newly constructed dunes near the middle of the beach on the conservation area side.

IV. Draft Language for Changes to Section 54 of the Town Code: Chairman Ramotowski noted that he had written a draft of the changes that had been discussed at the last meeting regarding dogs in the conservation area and also a ban on hunting and trapping in the conservation area.

Chairman Ramotowski stated that he was proposing two additional changes: (1) assigning responsibility for the Fogland boat ramp to the Harbor Commission; and (2) changing the language that defines the boundaries of the conservation area. The first change was needed because no group was originally assigned responsibility for the boat ramp. The second change is needed because the existing language in Section 54 of the Town Code defines the conservation area

boundaries with regard to the location of the playground (which was recently moved). The proposed changes define the conservation area as all of the Town owned land north of Three Rod Way (the paved road that passes through Fogland).

After some discussion, the Committee concurred with the proposed changes, and Chairman Ramotowski stated that he would propose them to the Town Council at a future meeting.

V. Future of the Committee: Chairman Ramotowski Reminded the Committee that many of its original tasks assigned by the Town Council had been accomplished and that Committee members needed to think of possibly wrapping up the Committee's assigned work over the next year or so in preparation to possibly deactivating the Committee. The major issue still unaccomplished was the drafting and passing of a Long-Term Maintenance plan for Fogland. Another issue would be whether the conservation area should remain under control of the Conservation Commission or be transferred to the control of the Open Space Commission.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

T. Ramotowski, Chairman